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RESOLUTIONS appertaining to the Federal Relations of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, we hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that amongst these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness; and

WHEREAS, the doctrine of non-resistance against arbitrary power and oppression is absurd, slavish and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind; and

WHEREAS, standing armies are dangerous to liberty, and ought not to be raised or kept up without the consent of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in all cases and at all times the military ought to be under strict subordination to, and control of the civil power, and that the people of this State ought to have the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police thereof; and that in all criminal prosecutions, every man hath a right to be informed of the accusation against him, to have a copy of the indictment or charge in due time (if required) to prepare for his defence, to be allowed counsel, to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have process for his witnesses, to examine the witnesses for and against him on oath, and to a speedy trial by an impartial jury, without whose unanimous consent he ought not to be found guilty; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States declares that *Congress* shall have power to declare war, to raise and support armies; that "the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it," nor then unless by Congress. "That a well regulated militia being necessary to security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed," that "the right of the people to be secure in their houses, persons, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrant shall issue but upon probable causes, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is yet a State in the Union, submitting peaceably to the Federal Government, yet nevertheless, the President has raised and quartered large standing armies upon her territory, has occupied the houses of her citizens without their consent, has made the military superior to, and above the civil power, has assumed to regulate the internal police and government of the State, has seized upon and appropriated our railroads and telegraphs, has seized and searched our vessels, has forcibly opened our houses, has deprived our people of their arms, has seized and transported our citizens to other States